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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This application claims benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/118,030, filed April 13, 1999.

In accordance with the continuing duty of disclosure imposed by 37 CFR § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the references AA to CL listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

While not to be construed as indicating that the Examiner should not review and consider fully all the listed references, Applicants particularly direct the Examiner's attention to references AH, AR, AZ, BA, BG, BH, BQ, BV, CG, and CH.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited."

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, it is submitted that no fee is due in connection herewith. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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